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1 December 1944 - Billetting parties sent out to vicinity of Saarbourg. G-4 reports we must move within three days. Company "B" moved from Charmes area with C C "B" of the Division. Left Charmes at 0730 and waited for C C "B" to move at Portieux until 1000, arriving at Dettwiller where company area was set up at railroad station.

2 December 1944 - Battalion moved from Charmes area with Hq & Hq departing at 0800 and Company "A" leaving Rambervillers at 0910. Distance of march - Hq & Hq Co 90 miles to Hochfelden at Q 8817, in an abandoned brick kiln. Company "A" marched distance of 75 miles to Steinbourg where shops were set up in a bombed out German Engineer OM and ordnance Depot.

3 December 1944 - Hq and Hq co alerted to move from Hochfelden to Steinbourg with Company "A" at 1000. Move made at 1730 with blackout drive for half of distance.

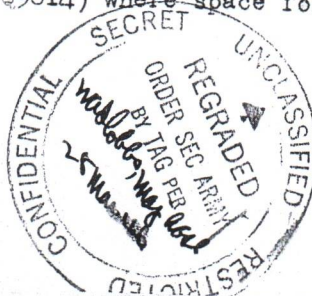
4 December 1944 - Hq and Hq Company moved by infiltration from Company "A" area to lumber yard approximately one-half mile east. Bn. Hq & Company mess moved into new building at southwest corner of yard. Company "C" relieved from attachment C C "A" and alerted to move to Battalion area on 5 December. Company "B" alerted to move from Dettwiller to dye factory in vicinity of Bouxweiler.

5 December 1944 - Company "B" moved to Bouxweiler (8324 Q) at 1500 with Company "C" moving into area at Dettwiller vacated by Company "B"

6 December 1944 - Ordnance support for division as set forth below is announced, effective 7 December 1944.

Company "A"	Company "B"	Company "C"
Div Hq Fwd Echelon	Hq & Hq Co C C "A"	Hq & Hq Co C C "B"
Hq Co Div	62	19
Hq Div Arty	25	48
499	B-94	A-94
500	A-84	B-84
501	C-125	B-125
94 -	Det 154	Det 154
125 -	Hq Div Res	Div Hq, Rear Echelon
Det 154	68	Hq & Hq Co Div Tns
M.P. Platoon	47	154 -
Band -		84 -
		Det Band

8 December 1944 - Company "C" received permission from Battalion Commander and moved from Dettweiler to Brumath (99814) where space for shop operations was found in a scrap yard.



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12 December 1944 - Ordnance Support changed as indicated below:

Company "A"	Company "B"	Company "C"
Div Hq, Fwd Ech.	Hq & Hq Co C C "A"	Hq & Hq Co C C "B"
Div Hq Co.	62	19
Hq Div Arty	25	48
125 -	B & C-94	A-94
Det 154	C-125	B-84
M.P.	Det 154	Det 154
Band	A-84	Div Hq Rear Ech
	500	Hq & Hq Co Div Tns
	501	154 -
	Hq Div Res	84 -
	68	Det Band
	47	

13 December 1944 - Billeting party of "B" and Hq Det made reconnaissance of Hagenau by 0900 and Both "B" Company and Bn Hq left for Hagenau by 1100 marching by infiltration. Billeted in old German barracks. Company "C" made reconnaissance and found location in Oberbetschdorf (V2 3312 NDG) to move into.

14 December 1944 - Hq Co moved by infiltration from Steinbourg area to Hagenau where location was found in German barracks near Alsatian Women's prison, (different area than "B" Co. location of 13 December). "B" Co. made reconnaissance.

15 December 1944 - Hq. Det moved to Hq. Co. area, a distance of 1/2 mile, closing in area by 1100. "B" Co. moved to Soultz (R1037) where shop space was found in oil well machinery shop. "A" Company left Steinbourg at 0900 for motor march to Biblisheim where shop space was found in oil tool and equipment shops.

16 December 1944 - Change in ordnance support was announced, companies assigned as indicated:

Company "A"	Company "B"	Company "C"
Div Hq Co	Hq & Hq C C "A"	Hq & Hq Co C C "B"
Hq & Hq Btry Div Arty	68	19
Div Hq Fwd Ech	48	25
125 -	B & C 94	D-94
Det 154	A-84	B-84
Band	C-125	B-125
M/P Platoon	Det 154	Det 154
Div Hq Rear Ech	500	499
154 -	501	
Hq & Hq Co Div Tns		
94 -		
Div. Res.		
62		
47		

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16 December 1944 Continued - LT. PLUTH, Liaison officer, entered Germany for first time.

19 December 1944 - Promotions announced today, effective 16 December are as follows:

Captain to Major	HOLLIS S. DOLAN 0493195
1st Lt to Captain	VINCENT L. GRITSCH 0491280
	ROSS R. CONDIT, JR 0491054
	ANTHONY L. ROMEO 0448538
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	WILLIAM T. TROXELL 01557383

20 December 1944 - Captain Jackson relieved from special duty with G-4 and assigned duty of Assistant Division Ordnance Officer.

23 December 1944 - New Ordnance Assignments, effective this date, as follows:

Company "A"	Company "B"	Company "C"
Hq C C R	Hq & Hq Co C C "A"	Hq & Hq Co C C "B"
62	68	19
500	48	25
94 -	84 -	47
A-125	501	125 -
B-84	Div Hq Co	499
Det 154	Hq & Hq Btry Div Arty	154 -
117 Recon	Div Hq	A 94
1 Co. CML	Hq & Hq Co Div Tns	
1 Co. TD	Band	
	M.P. Platoon	
	Div QM trucks	

27 December 1944 - GENERAL SMITH visited Bn. Hq 1400. T/Sgt Haines, Co "C" received Bronze Star, Gen'l Order 25, Hq 14th Armd Div.

29 December 1944 - Ordnance Support Changed as indicated:

Company "A"	Company "B"	Company "C"
Hq C C R	Hq & Hq Co C C "A"	Hq & Hq Co C C "B"
500	48	47
62	C-125	125 -
94 -	501	A & 1st Pl E -94
A & B 500	68	84 -
A-125	C-94	Hq Co Div Tns
117	A-84	Hq & Hq Btry Div Arty
1 Co TD	Det 154	Div QM
1 Co CML		154 -
25		Div Hq & Hq Co
19		
499		

"B" Co. attached to C C "B" and moved to Hangwiller.

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29 December Cont'd. - Billetting party Hq Co, "A" Co. and "C" Co. sent on recon to find new areas to west. Tec 3 A. Murty, Tec 3 B. Murty & Tec 4 Dulude all of "B" Co. received Bronze Star. Gen'l Order 26, Hq 14th Armd Div.

30 December 1944 - Hq & Hq Co. moved by infiltration from Hagenau to Detweiler where co. was billeted at station. Company and Detachment closed in area by 2000.

31 December 1944 - "A" Company marched from old area to Mertzwiller where shop space was found in stove works. "C" Company to Bouxwiller where shop space secured in dye works, formerly occupied by "B" Company.

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12 January 1945 - "A" Company completed move to Mertzwiller. LT Wierts, "A" Company wounded jaw and right hand by shrapnel from mortar burst while at C C A Hq evacuated to 132 Evac. Hospital. Billetting parties of Hq, B and C Companies alerted to leave early on 13 January for new areas to North and East.

13 January 1945 - "C" Company moved evacuation section to Neubourg, balance of company remaining in Saverne. "B" Company collecting point established at Surbourg.

14 January 1945 - "C" Company moved maintenance platoon to Neubourg by infiltration starting 1200.

15 January 1945 - 4 Rounds heavy artillery fell on "A" Company area - 2 rounds approximately 0200, 2 rounds approximately 0800.

17 January 1945 - Tec 3 Harris, Hq Company selected to drive Captain Brewer to Paris (I & E School) on 20 January. Harris was selected as outstanding EM of Headquarters Company.

20 January 1945 - "A" Company started moving to its old installation at Phalzbouurg at 1600.

21 January 1945 - "A" Company closed in Phalzbouurg area at 0200, this date. "A" Company started moving to Steinbourg in area cleared by 85th.

23 January 1945 - 8 members this battalion received the bronze star ribbon (in lieu of medal) from BRIGADIER GENERAL SMITH 1100 this date at "C" Company area. 85 EM, 90 in battalion formation for ceremony. Recipients of award - Lts Pluth and Thompson, G.O. #3, Hq 14th AD cs, T/Sgt Haines ("C" Co.) GO #25, Hq 14th AD 1944, T/3 Murty, a., T/3 Murty, B, and T/4 Dulude (All 3 B Co.) T/3 Blair and T/4 Buderus, GO #3, Hq 14th AD cs (Both "C" Co.)

Support of division by maintenance companies changed as indicated:

"A" Company	"B" Company	"C" Company
Hq & Hq Co C C A	Hq C C R	Hq & Hq Co C C B
48th	47th	25th
62nd	19th	68th
C-125th	94 -	B-125
C-94th	125 -	D-94th
Det 154	DQM	Det 154
500	Hq & Hq Co Div Tns	Hq F.E.
	MP	Hq & Hq Btry Div Arty
	Band	499th.
	Hq R.E.	
	84th	
	154 -	
	501st	

26 January 1945 - "A" Company started moving from Steinbourg area to same location as Hq & Hq Company at 1430 this date, occupying shop area vacated by 700th Ord LM Co.

25 January 1945 - Tec 4 Charles Branting and Tec 5 Garland, "C" Company Received Bronze Star Medal Award this date on General Order #5, Hq 14th Armored Division this date.

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27 January 1945 - "A" Company completed move to new area this date.

30 January 1945 - The following named EM, Company "C" received the Bronze Star Award per Section III, General Orders No. 8, Headquarters 14th Armored Division, this date: Tec 3 Henry A. Aanerud, Tec 4 Hiram J. Folken, Tec 4 Ernest L. Hagedorn, Tec 4 Henry W. Spindler, Tec 4 Dennis H. Thornton.

31 January 1945 - Entire battalion paid this date.